



*Mansfield Middle School Association*

*September 5, 2012 Minutes*

**In Attendance:** Tom Wood, Yong Tang, Sarah Delia, Candace Morell, Melissa Belden, Jen Passmore, Fred Baruzzi, Thanh Nguyen, Laura Corsini, Lisa Drzewiecki, Marie Hodrinsky, Diane Briody, Julie Hodgson.

D. Briody called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Members were welcomed to the first meeting of the year and everyone was asked to introduce themselves.

**Special Guest**

Fred Baruzzi, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update about the School Building Project. He also talked about the School Climate Survey which will be taken online by students, teachers and parents in the next month or so. This will be a survey about school safety and security. Mr. Baruzzi also discussed concerns about increasing the school budget and the maintenance and even expansion of school programs.

**Reports**

*Administrator:* Thanh Nguyen is the new Principal of MMS. Mr. Nguyen was impressed with the excellent start to the school year; the staff was very well prepared. Busing is a concern because MMS shares the buses with the high school and the three elementary schools.

There are eight new staff at the Middle School this year:

Jennie ElShakhs – Grade 7 Science and Math

Annie Perkins – Grade 7 Science

Carole Norrish – Family and Consumer Sciences

Robin Blomstrann – Grade 7 Language Arts and Literature

Mary Mindek – Grade 8 Math

Melissa Ottman – Grade 5-8 Support Services

Caitlin Carbonell – Library Support

Pauline Hayes – Life Skills 1A

Laurie Bergeron – Principal's Secretary

*Upcoming Events:*

September 5, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Potluck

Board of Education Meetings, September 13 and September 27

Twenty 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be traveling to Germany September 15 – October 6. Mrs. K and Mr. Perkins will be chaperoning the group.

September 19, 6:30pm, Mansfield Middle School Open House

October 1 – 5, Progress Reports go home

October 2, Photo Day

October 8 and 9, No School

*Teacher Representative:* Julie Hodgson

Middle School Education Week will be October 15-19.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take a field trip to Boston in mid-October.

The field trip to the Mark Twain House will be combined with a trip to the State Capitol.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will visit the Science Center in November.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will visit Overlook Farm, an immersion program about different cultures of the world.

### **Election of Officers**

Marie Hodrinsky resigned as Treasurer.

L. Drzewiecki made a motion to nominate Marie Hodrinsky as Vice President. D. Briody seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

M. Belden made a motion to nominate Lisa Drzewiecki as Treasurer. T. Wood seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Full slate of officers:

*President* – Diane Briody

*Vice President* – Marie Hodrinsky

*Treasurer* – Lisa Drzewiecki

*Secretary* – Sandy Hill

The Mansfield Middle School Open House will be on September 19 at 6:30pm. Volunteers will be needed to staff the MMSA tables.

### **Fundraisers**

Balance forwarded from last year \$10017.85.

Grant Program Committee

- The Committee needs volunteers
- The form for applications will be sent out to teachers and staff

### **Other Business**

There was discussion on the tax exempt status of the MMS. Changes will be needed to the MMS by-laws that are mandated by the IRS. The by-law discussion will be moved to the October agenda to discuss and approve changes to the by-laws.

### **Adjournment**

J. Passmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Belden seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Following adjournment, it was noted that the minutes from the June 6, 2012 meeting were not approved.

M. Hodrinsky made a motion to approve the minutes. D. Briody seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

The next meeting will be on October 3 at 7:00pm in Room 99.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Sarah Delia, substitute Secretary